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NEWS FROM THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

CALIFORNIA PURPLE HEART VETERANS DAY

"THEY ALL GAVE SOME - SOME GAVE THEIR ALL"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2005 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING WEST STEPS SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 10:00 A.M.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Capitol Chapter #385 invites veterans, their families, and the public to attend a special ceremony honoring all California combat wounded veterans. This ceremony is in honor of our sons and daughters who have served in our nation's Armed Forces in defense of freedom, liberty, democracy, and our American way of life. Combat wounded veterans, those with disabilities, and those who died from combat wounds and their families will receive special recognition during the event. This event is made possible thanks to the support of California veterans service organizations and grateful citizens throughout California.

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MAJOR REPAIRS COMPLETED ON THE CALIFORNIA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Recently, the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Capitol Park in downtown Sacramento received some much needed repairs due to the adverse effects of the weather and ever-persistent problem of vandalism. This memorial, which lists the more than 5,000 names of Californians who lost their lives in the Vietnam conflict, was in top shape by Memorial Day, with major renovations completed just in time for the annual "Reading of the Names" ceremony, hosted by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 500.

Also, an agreement to provide timely and professional ongoing repairs and maintenance to the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial has been reached with California State University Sacramento (CSUS)

Foundation via a tax-deductible fund to which all Californians are encouraged to contribute.

Donations should be made out to: CSUS Foundation 6000 J Street, Modoc Hall Sacramento, CA 95819-2605

(Be sure to specify "California Vietnam Veterans Memorial" on the check.)

We would like to recognize all those special folks who made these renovations to the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial possible through their selfless donation of time and hard work. These people give true meaning to the words patriotism and volunteerism. These include:

- Staff from the California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Staff from the California Department of General Services
- Susan Flynn of the California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Foundation
- Phil Hitchcock, CSUS Director School of Arts
- Ron Hoops, electrical contractor
- Jim Clark of Clark Pacific
- Members of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 500
- GySqt Ken Nelson, USMC (Ret)

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